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SUBJECT: TAX LAW TRAINING POSSIBILITIES

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1. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH GORDON HILL AT IRS AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CENTER, NEW YORK REGARDING POSSIBLE TRAINING FOR MEMBER OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S STAFF, CU/AF BELIEVES VERY GOOD PROGRAM COULD BE WORKED OUT. HARVARD LAW SCHOOL OFFERS EACH YEAR AN INTERNATIONAL TAX PROGRAM (DEPARTMENT POUCHING THIS YEAR'S CIRCULAR ON PROGRAM). TWO CU GRANTEES HAVE ATTENDED PROGRAM AND FOUND IT EXCELLENT. IRS HAS SHORT OBSERVATION COURSES AND SEMINARS RANGING FROM TWO DAYS TO SEVERAL WEEKS. UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OFFERS TWO-WEEK TO 22-WEEK COURSES UNDER THEIR SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION'S INSTITUTE IN TAX ADMINISTRATION.

2. NO FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM UNIVERSITY IS AVAILABLE. HARVARD COURSE IS COSTLY, AROUND DOLS 7,000 FOR ACADEMIC YEAR. IF POST WOULD LIKE NOMINATE CANDIDATE FOR CU FUNDING OF ANY KIND, DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO ASSIGN ILC TO WORK OUT PROGRAM. THEY SUGGEST ACADEMIC COURSE WITH OBSERVATION VISITS TO IRS AND POSSIBLE TWO-MONTH INTERNSHIP AT CONCLUSION OF UNIVERSITY PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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